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Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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We are filing herewith as of October 5, 2001, for effect November 4, 2001, tariff material consisting of the following:

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E/3	10, 12	N/A
M/1	5, 5.1, 9, 9.1, 12, 16, 17.1	N/A
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M/5	4, 4.1, 8	N/A

The proposed revisions provide for the introduction of regulations for Line Splitting Arrangements. As explained in the attached supporting documentation, procedures for implementing these Line Splitting Arrangements were established as the result of Industry Collaborative sessions in New York. Thus, the same scenarios reflected in Verizon's line splitting tariff in New York, which was approved on September 4, 2001, are contained in this Massachusetts tariff filing in accordance with the Company's commitment to make the same service offerings available throughout its operating territory.

In order to implement the complex and varied procedures required for these Line Splitting Arrangements, Verizon developed Operating Support Systems ("OSS") changes. The Company would seek to recover the associated OSS costs by introducing a new rate for Line Sharing and Unbundled Sub-Loop Arrangements. A cost study is attached and is based on the same cost methodology used in D.T.E. 01-20. However, due

to the ongoing investigation of Verizon MA's cost study in DTE 01-20, the Company recommends in this filing that the Department defer investigation of the proposed OSS charges included in this tariff to DTE 01-20. Upon completion of DTE 01-20, Verizon MA agrees to conduct a reconciliation that may result from any changes to the OSS rates contained in this tariff.

Attached are the necessary tariff pages. Please return the two copies with your stamp of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

President – Massachusetts

cc: DTE 98-57 & DTE 01-20 Service Lists